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FIG. 1

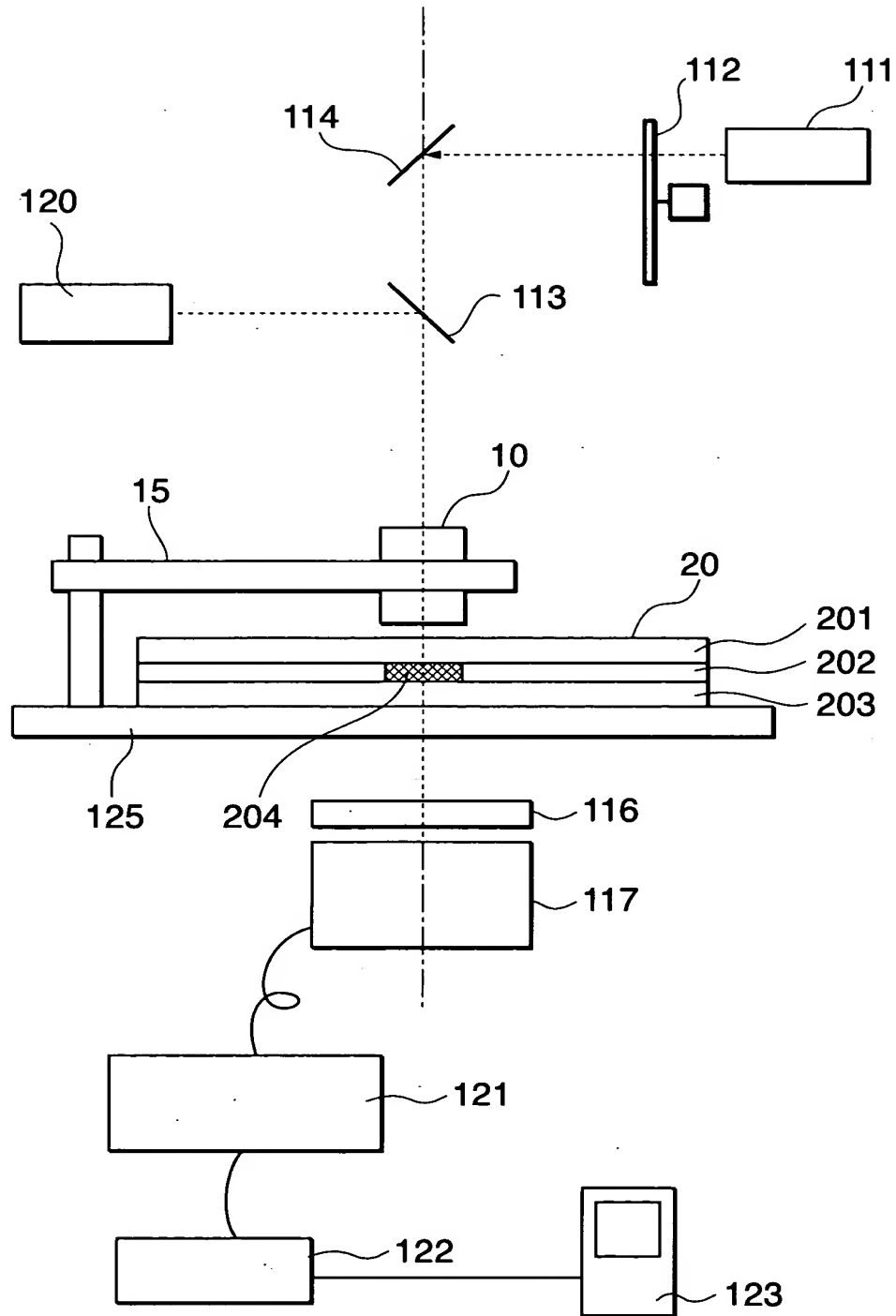


FIG. 2

VALUE OF SHIFT IN FOCAL POSITION[S]
BETWEEN EXCITING LIGHT AND DETECTING LIGHT
RELATIVE TO CONFOCAL LENGTH AT FREQUENCY OF
EXCITING LIGHT (NUMBER OF TIMES)

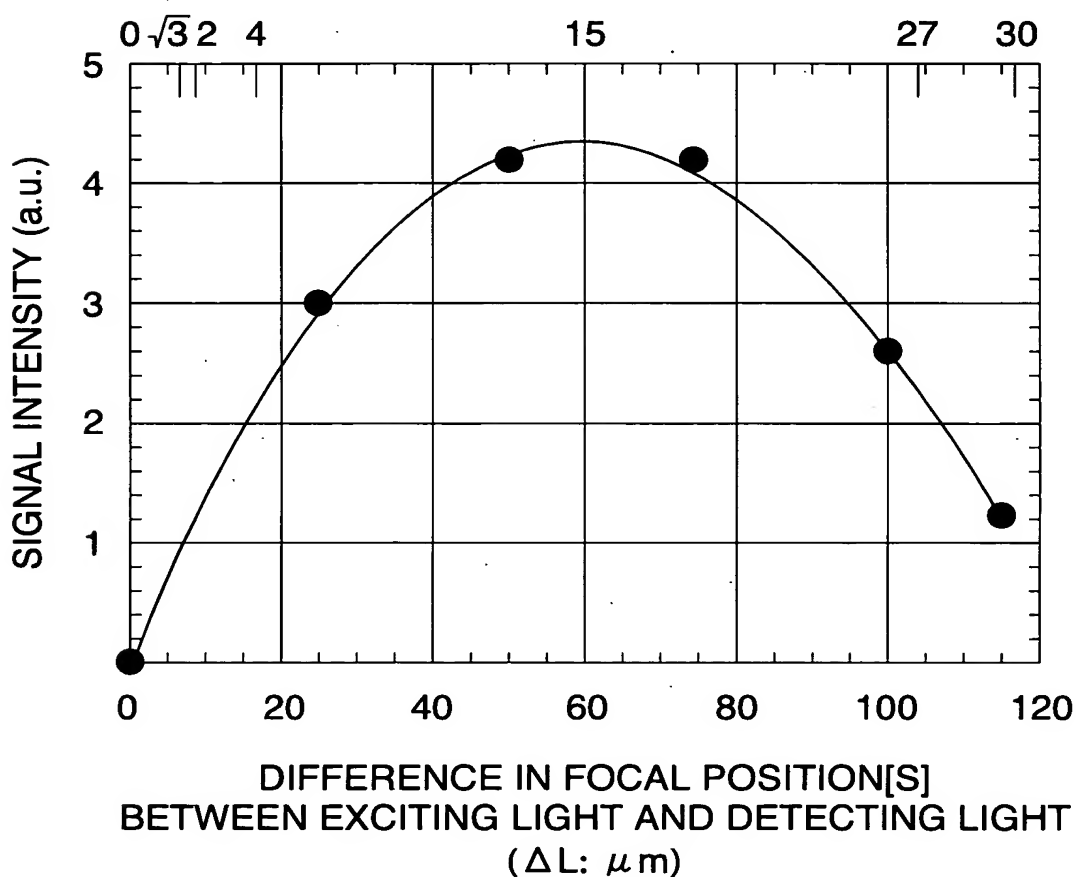


FIG. 3

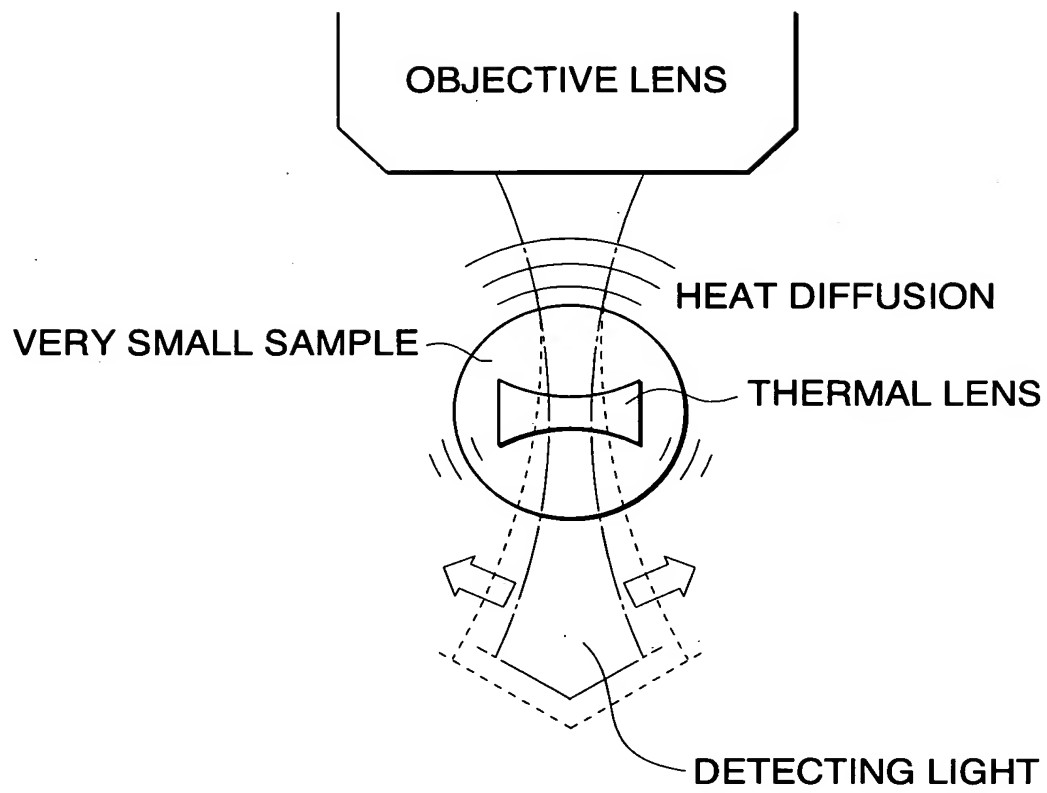


FIG. 4A

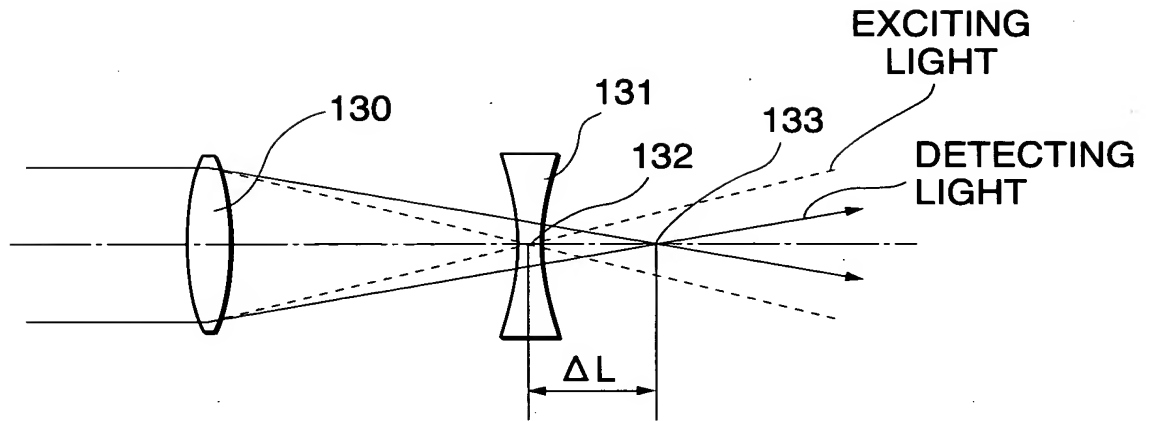


FIG. 4B

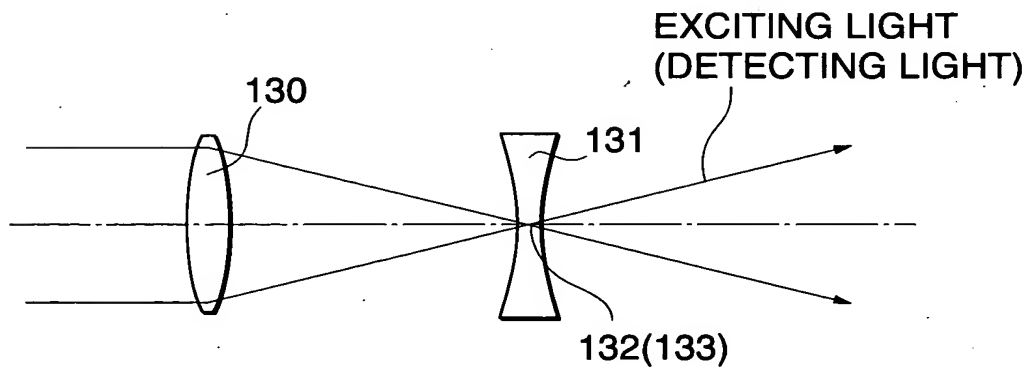


FIG. 5A

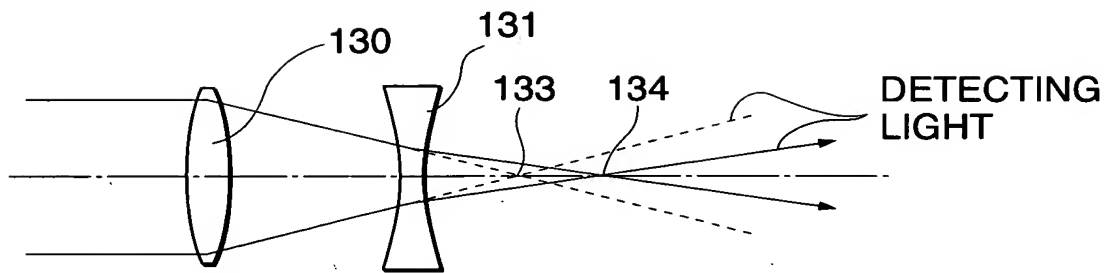


FIG. 5B

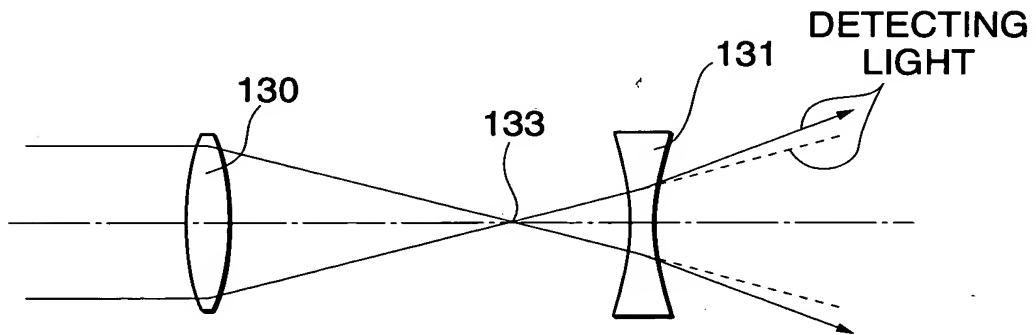


FIG. 6